

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1375

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sergio Salinas, Roger Mondragon, and Juan Carlos Cerrato of the Choluteca, Honduras Rotary Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sergio Salinas, Roger Mondragon, and Juan Carlos Cerrato of the Choluteca, Honduras Rotary Club are such estimable persons who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salinas, President of the Choluteca Rotary Club, and his two fellow Rotary Club members are visiting Tennessee and their colleagues in Rotary District 6760 of West and Middle Tennessee in order to celebrate the many successes they have accomplished jointly through their Honduras Partnership, a six-year-old initiative in which the Tennessee Rotary Clubs have assisted the people of Honduras by means of numerous service projects; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Honduras Partnership, the Choluteca, Honduras Rotary Club has provided the members of Rotary District 6760 with material, logistical, and moral support in their honorable efforts to improve the lives of Hondurans, citizens of a nation in which almost half the population lives in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the Honduras Partnership has contributed positively to the daily lives of more than 5,000 Hondurans; the good works of this collaborative project have provided potable water supplies, brought electricity to more than 1,000 buildings, constructed homes and schools, built latrines for a school, furnished a school library with books and audiovisual equipment, erected playgrounds, wired a vocational carpentry school, installed security lights in remote jungle villages, provided food to poor families, and offered job training for young adults.

The projects over the last six years further injected more than \$1.2 million into the local economy; and

WHEREAS, these humanitarian efforts have not only made life easier for many, but they also have saved countless lives in a nation where as many as 50,000 children die a year due to waterborne diseases; and

WHEREAS, Sergio Salinas, Roger Mondragon, and Juan Carlos Cerrato have all been crucial to the success of the Honduras Partnership, and they are public-spirited citizens of the highest order and exceptional assets to the global community; and

WHEREAS, President Salinas, Roger Mondragon, and Juan Carlos Cerrato are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that Tennesseans, citizens of the "Volunteer State," admire and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sergio Salinas, Roger Mondragon, and Juan Carlos Cerrato of the Choluteca, Honduras Rotary Club for their honorable and astute service to their fellow Hondurans, salute their unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success, as we welcome them to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.